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| *President:* | Mr. Belinga-Eboutou | (Cameroon) |
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| | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | Mr. McGurk |
| | United States of America | Mr. Rosenblatt |

## Agenda

The situation in the Central African Republic

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*The meeting was called to order at 5.15 p.m.*

**Adoption of the agenda**

*The agenda was adopted.*

**The situation in the Central African Republic**

**The President** (*spoke in French*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of the Central African Republic in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

*At the invitation of the President, Mr. Poukré-Kono (Central African Republic) took a seat at the Council table.*

**The President** (*spoke in French*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

After consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council.

"The Security Council welcomes the holding of the Summit of the Central African Economic and Monetary Community in Libreville on 2 October 2002 to consider the situation between the Central African Republic and the Republic of Chad. It commends the leading role played by the President of the Gabonese Republic, El Hadj Omar Bongo, in organizing that meeting. It welcomes the undertaking by the Central African Republic and the Republic of Chad to relaunch the cooperation at various levels. It strongly supports the intention of the President of the Republic of Chad to visit Bangui in the very near future. It encourages further confidence-building measures to help normalize the relations between the two countries.

"The Security Council also welcomes the readiness expressed by the African Union to continue to contribute towards ongoing efforts to normalize the relations between the Central African Republic and Chad and to promote peace and stability in the Central African region as stipulated in the Communiqué of the Eighty-eighth Ordinary Session of the Central Organ of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution issued on 11 October 2002 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"The Security Council further welcomes the final communiqué of this meeting (S/2002/1113). In particular, it expresses its full support for the decision to deploy in the Central African Republic an International Observation Force (FIO) of 300 to 350 troops from Gabon, Cameroon, the Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Mali with three main tasks: ensuring the safety of the President of the Central African Republic; observing and ensuring security on the border between Chad and the Central African Republic; and participating in the restructuring of the Central African Republic armed forces.

"The Security Council expresses once again its strong support for the Representative of the Secretary-General in the Central African Republic, General Lamine Cisse, whose efforts have been essential in this initiative. It encourages him to continue to provide advice to the Governments taking part in this initiative.

"The Security Council calls upon Member States participating in the FIO to work in close consultation with the Representative of the Secretary-General and the United Nations Peace-Building Support Office in the Central African Republic (BONUCA). It requests the Secretary-General, through his Representative, to establish appropriate liaison with the FIO.

"The Security Council encourages all Member States to provide financial, logistical and material support to the Member States participating in the FIO.

"The Security Council invites the leadership of the FIO to provide periodic reports, at least every three months."

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

*The meeting rose at 5.25 p.m.*